

Response dated 11/03/2005
Response to Office Action mailed 05/05/2005

Application No. 10/060,385

REMARKS

The Final Office Action of May 5, 2005 has been reviewed in detail and this paper is responsive thereto. In the current response, Applicant has cancelled claims 26 and 41 and has amended claims 27-28 and 39-42. No new matter has been introduced into the application. As explained in more detail below, Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter of claims 21-25, 29-38, and 40.

Claim 27 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, Claim 27 stands objected to for particular informalities.

Applicant has amended claim 27 into independent format including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim as suggested by the Examiner. In addition, Applicant has amended claim 27 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to cure the stated informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 27 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claims 28, 39, 41-43 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only, and cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim.

Applicants has cancelled claim 43 rendering the rejection moot as to claim 43.

Furthermore, Applicant has amended claims 28, 39, and 41-42 in order to place these multiple dependent claims in an allowable format. Each of the multiple dependent claims 28, 39, and 41-42 ultimately depends from one of independent claims 21, 23 and 26 which the Examiner has found to be allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that multiple dependent claims 28, 39, and 41-42 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as independent claims 21, 23, and 26.

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Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Boys, U.S. Patent No. 6,314,094.

Applicant has cancelled claim 26 in order to advance prosecution of the application rendering the rejection moot.

Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and a finding of their allowability. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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